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The race is on

Jacques Villeneuve will be one of the participants in weekend's Highland Cup

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Highland Cup organizer Harold Foyster and his small crew have less than a week left to prepare the racetrack on Head Lake for the 2008 Highland Cup Ice Oval Snowmobile Races on March 1 and 2.

"We're just working on the track right now," said Foyster who has been plowing the course every time it snows. Since he started in mid-December the track has been subject to all sorts of weather — rain, mild temperatures, freezing rain and a fair share of snow.

The long-range forecast looks friendly with sub-zero temperatures leading up to race day but there's still some snow to come so Foyster's clearing duties may not be done yet.

In addition, there are 1,300 hay bales going around the track to give drivers and the audience a bit of protection in the event of a crash.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

A walk in the park

On Thursday night a small group gathered for the Full Moon Labyrinth Walk organized by the Rails End Gallery and Health For Life. The maze-like labyrinth, approximately 1,000 steps round trip, was constructed in seven hours by Rails End executive director Laurie Jones and a couple of helpers. Labyrinths are Jones' personal passion and she wanted to share the experience with others. The labyrinth is still in the park if others want to have a walk around. Meanwhile, take a peek at the previous night's lunar eclipse on page 8.

Fund puts \$564,000 in local economy

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

It was all smiles at the Haliburton County Development Corporation last Thursday when MP Barry Devolin came to town with a cheque for more than half a million dollars.

Community members and business leaders filled the organization's Maple Avenue office to celebrate the news that \$564,000 will be infused into the local economy in 2008 as part of

the Eastern Ontario Development Program.

The money supports HCDC initiatives such as the skills development program, which pays 50 per cent of training costs for business owners and their employees, the business planning initiative, which helps businesses develop business, marketing, or export plans, and the access to capital program, which provides interest-free loans to businesses and encourages economic development.

Now in its fourth year, Devolin said the program is both important and unique in that it allows the decisions to be made at a local level regarding how the funding should be distributed.

"Most parts of the federal and provincial governments are hierarchical. Decisions are made in the capital by ministers and deputy ministers, and then if flows down to a regional manager somewhere who implements decisions that have been

made," Devolin told those gathered on Thursday.

"This is a little different in that the money still flows from the top, but the decisions are made by a volunteer board here in Haliburton County. It makes a whole lot more sense to commit dollars to the area and then let local community leaders decide where those dollars could best go," he said. "The priorities in Haliburton might be very different than the priorities in

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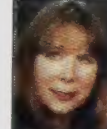
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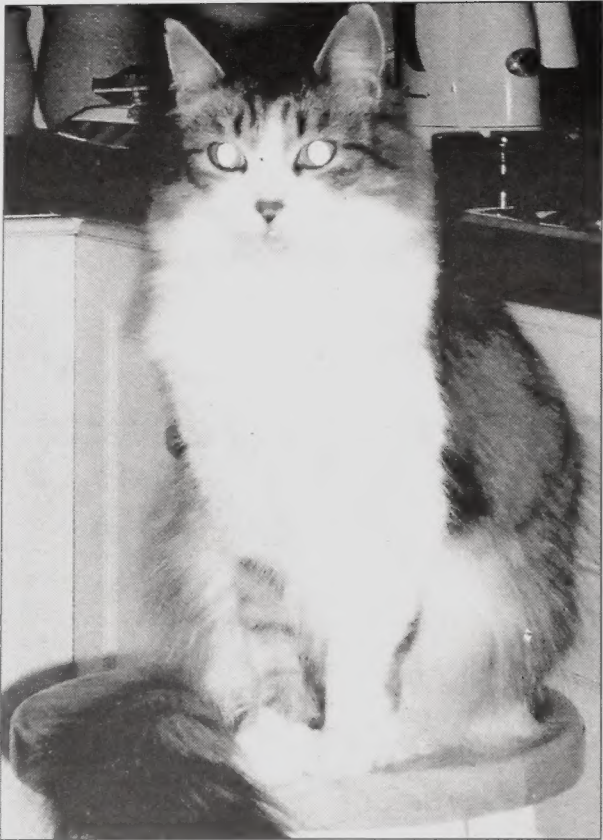


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Family searches for cat here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Every day since a fire destroyed his family's home on Highway 118 in Maple Lake, Jason Redner has returned to the site to see if there is any sign of the family's beloved cat, Claudia. The cat is 11 years old but is not declawed. If anyone has seen the cat, please contact the family at jason_render@hotmail.com.

Meanwhile, you can support the Redner family and have fun at the same time by attending a benefit dance on April 12 at the Haliburton Legion. The evening features the local band, MacLays Experience.

Anyone who remembers the devastating Stedman's fire in 1986 was very worried when they heard the call that there was smoke seen coming from the V&S building on Saturday afternoon. Luckily, the fire was only in the garbage can in the men's washroom, not the building itself.

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Marit LaPierre and son Jordan don't get many opportunities to celebrate on his actual birthday, February 29.

Grade 2 student gets ready to celebrate his second birthday

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Jordan LaPierre is turning two on Friday and he's already read *Bones: Master of the Eastern Border*. He can ride a bicycle, play piano and skate with the best of them in the county hockey league. Pretty soon he thinks he'll be learning how to multiply.

Is Jordan some sort of wunderkind?

Sort of. He's one of the very few people in the Highlands who will be celebrating a birthday this Friday – February 29.

Every four years the calendar adds another day to keep up with all the earth's cycles. Jordan was born on February 29, 2000 so this is only the second time he's been able to celebrate on the actual day he was born. He can't remember the first time since it was four years ago

and he was very, very young back then.

Luckily for Jordan, his family – dad Dan, mom Marit and older sister Megan – doesn't make him wait four years to wish him a happy birthday. When it's not a leap year, like this year, however, they usually host the festivities on February 28.

Back in 2000, the *Echo* was counting on Jordan to make the headlines. The first baby of the millennium at the Haliburton Hospital hadn't been born yet and everyone was expectantly awaiting his arrival. Jordan wanted to take his time, however, so the doctors decided to hurry him up a little. They couldn't do that in Haliburton so his mom went down to Peterborough Civic Hospital instead. Darn! Peterborough had already had its New Year's Baby – on New Year's Day no less – so there wasn't the fanfare that would have been made over Haliburton's New Year Leap Year Millennium Baby.

Oddly enough, being a Leap Year baby runs in Jordan's family. His great-great grandfather was also born on February 29.

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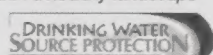


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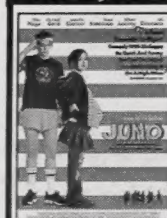
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Family Day is here to stay

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Even though the inaugural Family Day long weekend will likely go down in history as one of the worst for weather, local families and businesses happily welcomed Ontario's seventh long weekend of the year.

Restaurants and retailers were busier than usual on Saturday and Sunday but cash registers rarely rang on the holiday Monday. It was easy for business owners and managers to blame the freezing rain for the early departure of cottagers up for the weekend.

At the Bargain Shop in Haliburton it was bitter-sweet for manager Steve Davies and his staff.

"I think it was worth it but it should be a level playing field," said Davies. "We were the only store out of about 14 in our district that was open. It would have been nice to give [Family Day] to the staff but other retailers were open so we had to be too."

"But the added money, with stat pay and time and a half, that money can go a long way [for staff]," said Davies.

It was slow enough on Monday for Davies to decide to close the store an hour early, at 4 p.m.

Across the street, Jason Glecoff, manager at the V&S department store, said that the holiday Monday was, "slow. Dead, even."

IGA manager Bob Park was prepared for the long weekend, staffing his store with mostly part-time employees and giving full-time staff the paid day off. One of the part-time employees on for Family Day was 20-year-old Kevin Bryant.

When asked how the extra money would be used, whether as spending money or to pay some bills, Bryant said, "This is more for spending money."

Saturday and Sunday were "phenomenal" for Park, who was definitely in support of the new February holiday.

"There are enough holidays in the summer," said Park. "This holiday sure has been good for the north. And if the weather would have been better we would have been really busy."

Sharpley Source for Sports owner Glen Sharpley decided not to open his store on the Monday.

"Closing the store for a day in the winter, it's not enough to affect business, so we just took the day off," he said. "If it was the summer it would have been a different story but I welcome a day off."

Sharpley, who puts in some long hours over the spring and summer, said that a paid holiday for staff wouldn't hurt him. He also feels the government made the right decision having the holiday in February.

"I wouldn't want to see it any later 'cause that's when things start to happen here. January would be too soon, too close to the Christmas holidays and New Year's."

On Saturday night local restaurants were packed with wait times for tables as long as 30 minutes.

Walt McKechnie said that staffing is always a problem at his restaurant, McKeck's Place.

"We don't have that many staff but we contacted some college kids before the holiday and a few of them came in," he said.

As to whether the holiday was a good thing, McKechnie said, "Anything that brings people to the community and the county is a good thing."

At the Rexall pharmacy it was "unusually slow," said manager Matt Parker, who had a skeleton staff of three people and one pharmacist for Family Day. But he was in support of the long weekend.

"I think it's a great thing," said Parker. "It breaks up the winter."

Federal workers didn't get the day off but at the Haliburton post office they may as well have since they, like many others, were not busy on the 18th.

Acting postmaster Kathy Arscott said that the post office had advertised it would be open but the weather was likely the major reason people stayed inside their warm, dry homes on Monday.

The one place that was busy on Monday was the Dysart arena. Arena manager Dave Fideau thought that between 175 to 200 people stopped by for a skate.

"You put free in front of public skating and it opens right up," said Fideau.



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The Carl family from Haliburton - dad Chris, three-year-old Ella, mom Lisa, and Ethan, 6 - enjoyed a free skate at the Dysart arena on Family Day. (top) Zach Morissette, 6, loves the camera - or is it the other way around? (bottom right) Tony and Emma Scheffee, 8, share a daddy-daughter skate on Family Day. (bottom left) 14-month-old Taylor Consack gets a ride from his dad, John.

Helping him help others

Sandra Bishop might be the first Rotary spouse to be recognized with Paul Harris Fellow award

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

In 1981, a year after Greg and Sandra Bishop were married, he became a third-generation Haliburton Rotarian. Since Rotary requires more than just showing up for weekly meetings, in many ways she became a Rotarian too. While Greg was part of the public face of the organization committed to helping communities around the world, Sandra worked behind the scenes to support him.

In the past few years, however, Sandra has been playing a far more active role. She has hosted several Rotary functions at their home overlooking Soyers Lake, welcomed a Rotary exchange student into her family and taken over the monumental task of organizing the letter campaign to sell tickets to the annual car draw, the club's biggest fundraiser of the year.

At the recent Rotary Club charity auction, Sandra Bishop was presented with Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow award in recognition of all the volunteer work she does for the local club. In receiving this coveted honour, she might have become the Haliburton club's first spouse to be acknowledged in such a meaningful way.

Paul Harris was one of four founders of Rotary Club International back in 1905.

The award is "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relationships among people of the world."

Sandra is still getting over the surprise.

"Because Greg is so passionate about Rotary, it's good to be able to help him," she says. And as much as she's shocked about having her support recognized by Rotary, she appreciates that Rotary knows that, with many couples, it's not just the Rotarian who's volunteering.

"Really," says Greg, "it's like a marriage. I'm in Rotary and she has to support me in that function or I couldn't be there."

There's no doubt of Greg's passion for Rotary. His grandfather, W.R. Curry, was one of the Haliburton's club founding members; his father, Curry Bishop, rarely misses a meeting. Greg joined when he was in his early twenties and he has hopes that his son Chris will eventually join too.

Not only has the local club been a major contributor to many good causes, such as the hospital capital campaign, but it has also, in hundreds of smaller ways, given financial aid to individual families facing unprecedented challenges. Globally, Rotary has undertaken the project of immunizing every child against polio.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

District Governor Tom Bennett presented Sandra Bishop with the Paul Harris Fellow award at the Haliburton Rotary Club's charity auction at the Delta Pinestone Resort.

Today, only children in the most volatile and hostile countries have not been immunized. That means that 98 per cent of the world's children don't have to worry about getting this often debilitating disease.

"You know 100 per cent of your dollars are going to a cause," Greg says of another reason why he believes so much in the club. About 80 per cent of those funds stay in the community.

In Haliburton, the annual car draw held in conjunction with the Rotary Carnival is the club's major fundraiser. In the past, some individual club members kept records of the people to whom they sold tickets and, the next year, wrote to them to ask if they'd like to support the club by purchasing another ticket.

Starting a couple of years ago, Sandra

took control of the database, filing all the information and keeping it up to date. Last year, with the help of three team captains, Rotarian Ted Brandon and her daughter Mallory, she sent letters to the 2,700 who have bought tickets in the past to encourage them to continue their support of the club's efforts.

Last week, Greg "bought" the car that will be raffled this year. Given how popular the Pontiac Solstice was last year, it's the featured car again this year. (Ironically, very few winners have ever kept the car, opting for the cash prize instead.)

Now it's Sandra's turn to put the wheels in motion to sell the tickets. She'll probably be sending the letters out at the beginning of April, and every person who has benefited from the Rotary Club's generosity will be grateful.

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Machine sparks Park St. fire

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

A fire that caused \$200,000 worth of damage to a Park Street house on February 18 will be classified as an electrical fire.

"It started in the bedroom," says Dysart et al fire chief Myles Maughan. "It is suspected that an appliance shorted out in there, a sleep apnea machine."

Homeowner Lynn Patterson was inside the home along with the family dog when the fire broke out shortly after 6 p.m..

Patterson attempted to put the fire out, Maughan said, and also burned her hand trying to rescue her dog, which was in a cage. But the flames were too intense and she had to leave.

Paramedics treated her for minor burns. A firefighter was injured at the scene when he



With the flames fully extinguished only smoke remains to billow from the Dewey/Patterson home on the corner of Park and Pine St. last week. It took four hours for the fire department to gain control of the fire.

stepped on a nail, said Maughan. "But he's fine."

Maughan said the fire took approximately four hours to get under control and another two to properly extinguish. The fire department were called back to the scene later that night after neighbours saw what they thought was more smoke.

"It was actually steam from water in the basement," said Maughan.

Patterson and her husband Furgie Dewey had insurance.

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Say it like you mean it

ANYONE WHO HAS WATCHED question period on television or followed an election campaign will be surprised that the Lord's Prayer is still being intoned at Queen's Park. It's not just that the prayer has been silenced as a ritual at most other public gatherings; it's that politicians actually believe it's serving a purpose.

The Lord's Prayer has moments of beauty and grace. It is reassuringly familiar and gives us welcome pause to reflect on how we should behave. But think about what it says

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about how we are to live our lives. We are to forgive others for what they do against us just as we hope they will forgive our ill deeds. We are to make sure that we – the communal we – have enough to eat every

day. We are not supposed to let ourselves be led into temptation.

When have you ever heard a politician forgive the mistakes of another politician? When do politicians ever admit to their own mistakes? Are the people who can write laws that would ensure that no one in Ontario goes hungry sitting down and hammering out the details? And how many politicians are successful at avoiding the temptations of power?

Every day politicians have been saying this prayer with no visible effect (apart from their public display of piety.) Now that Premier Dalton McGuinty wants to replace the Lord's Prayer at Queen's Park with a rotating selection of generic prayers, the Progressive Conservatives are waging a battle for the traditions that the Lord's Prayer represents.

Let's hope that the tradition they evoke is not the same one that Matthew referred to when it was his turn to write the gospels. He says Jesus railed against those who used prayer as an ostentatious sign of their faith. He felt that prayer in public was an abuse of the relationship we are supposed to have with God. He preferred that the prayer be said only when we are alone.

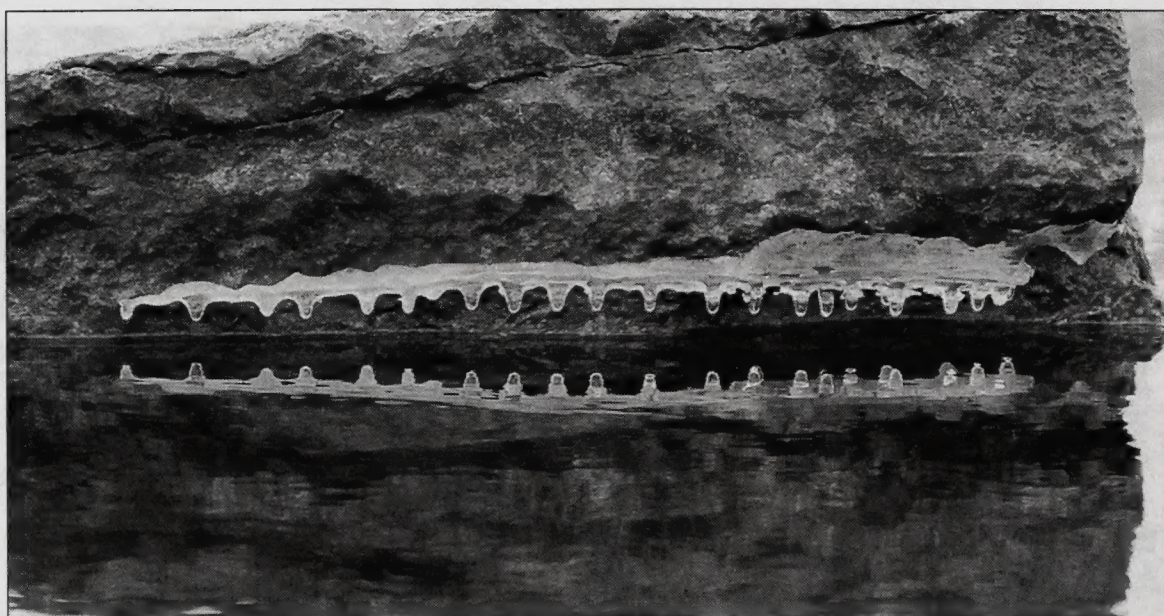
"When thou prayest," says Matthew Chapter 6, verse 5, "thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men."

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret. [Do not use] vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

Is this what the Lord's Prayer mean when it says "Thy will be done"?

When the gospel according to Matthew refers to people who do "much speaking", he must have been watching the parliamentary channel. But should we take his words as gospel? Or should we find another passage in the Bible that supports a contradictory viewpoint? It wouldn't be very hard to do.

If politicians want to continue saying the Lord's Prayer, it had better not be as a way of paying empty homage to tradition. They should only say it if they mean it.



An icy grin

Photo by GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

Infidelities

AN OLD FRIEND CALLED me the other day and we had an awkward chat – the first one in several years. It was difficult at first, especially since he was finally coming to terms with forgiving me for a brief but unseemly encounter I had with his wife. Not that I deserved forgiveness.

I still feel bad about it. I'm not normally the kind of guy who does this sort of thing but she caught me in a moment of weakness and I gave into raw, unbri-dled temptation. Even now, I know I shouldn't have done what I did – after all, she was my friend's wife. But I just couldn't help it. And as shameful as it was, it just happened – we were young and foolish.

Between you and me, I guess it was the heat of the moment. My friend's wife was easy to talk to. At the time, I rationalized it by thinking that we could keep it to ourselves so no one would ever get hurt. Sadly, for all of us, he walked in at precisely the wrong moment. And that changed all of our lives.

During this most recent phone call, we spoke honestly about the whole thing. He insisted, in fact. His therapist said it was part of the healing process.

"I thought I could trust you around her," he said sadly.

"I'm sorry," I said. "She and I got to talking and one thing led to another. I never meant for it to get that far."

He really didn't want to hear any more but I needed to get it off my chest. After all what kind of man would tell another man's wife that her husband didn't really need any more hunting rifles.

"Why?" he moaned. "Why?"

Who knows why we give in to these dark

demons? One minute we were chatting about kids and the next minute, I just blurted it out.

"You know, he's got enough hunting rifles," I remember saying.

It was the first time I had ever really pleased a woman.

"One more time," she urged, with fire in her eyes.

"All right," I said, this time with more than a hint of bravado, "your husband doesn't need any more hunting rifles."

And that's when Chris walked in.

Oh, you think this kind of thing is harmless enough. Then you see the look on your friend's face – a look of pure hurt and betrayal. Right then and there, I knew I had broken or bent several commandments.

"She hasn't let me buy a rifle since that day," he noted sadly.

"I'm...soooooo sorryrrrrrrrr," I answered, searching for the right words. "You didn't deserve that."

We ended the phone call with a promise to spend some time fly-fishing in the spring. I went back to my office to compose myself before dinner. I never have an easy time eating when I'm racked with guilt – it puts me off my second helping of dessert.

When I walked back in the kitchen, my wife was just getting off the phone. By the speed with which she hung up, I knew something was wrong.

"Who was that?" I asked suspiciously.

"Chris," she said defiantly.

"Oh no," I muttered.

"He says you don't need any more fly rods."

I'll probably call him back in a few years. But right now... well, the hurt's just a little too deep.

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The return

TO TAN OR NOT TO TAN, that is the question, thought Hannah as she looked down the beach of bodies stretched out like backribs on a grill. Of course she knew tanning was bad for the skin and could be fatal. Still she felt a bit like a marshmallow on a plate of chocolate truffles. It seemed as though everyone in Florida, the Sunshine State, was in denial about skin cancer. Brown bodies of every shape and size crowded pools and sprawled on blankets by the ocean. But the effects could be seen on older residents where thick folds of wrinkled skin gathered at wrists and sagged down faces.



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A cavalier approach to the sun was not the only difference from home Hannah was noticing as she spent more time in the sunny south. Although glad to be away from winter for these brief weeks, it made her uneasy to see bars on windows and steel fences around even the most modest houses. When she looked up a distant relative of her neighbour back home, she was pleasantly surprised by the warmth of her welcome. After

an impromptu barbecue dinner, she was given a driving tour of the woman's mid-size city neighbourhood. Landmarks were pointed out and historical facts detailed as they travelled up and down residential streets. Then they turned in a different direction and her new friend said she would show Hannah what she called "N town". She cautioned Hannah to make sure her car door was locked.

Hannah was shocked. She didn't think people still used the word let alone held the mindset that went with it. The 'town' consisted of small wooden houses set up off the ground without foundations. Most looked like they needed painting and repair. Sitting and leaning on front porches and by doorways were the occupants, some in conversation but many just looking out at the street. There was an air of slow-moving heaviness as heads turned to watch their car pass by. She didn't know what to say.

The natural beauty of what Hannah saw in Florida was one pleasant surprise. Having quickly come to realize she could not do justice to the place by trying to see it all in her short time there, she had decided to stay in the top half. There were many wonderful refuges and sanctuaries where she could walk through lush vegetation to a chorus of bird calls. She fell in love with the palm trees, appreciating their rustling when stirred by warm breezes. The sound reminded her of fingers pulled through tall fall grasses back home.

Another surprise were the rivers and the old established communities along their shores. Long before theme parks and splashy seaside resorts, Florida had been a largely rural place of fishermen and not very prosperous entrepreneurs. Their exploits were displayed in photographs and exhibits jammed into historical society buildings. Here admission was by unsupervised donation and the flies buzzed lazily in the afternoon sun. Not one for large crowds, Hannah one day opted for a small local aquarium that featured native aquatic life in large fish tanks. She was the only visitor and delighted in inspecting each tank and the description posted beside it. Here she found a Florida of quiet pride and reflection rather than the boisterous bragging that was so evident elsewhere.

Because she was on a tight budget, she limited her meals in restaurants. But when she did allow herself to splurge, she found the fried oysters delectable, the service friendly and the cups of coffee never-ending. However Hannah gave up on asking for any tea other than iced. Hot tea did not seem to exist here, she decided, squirting more lemon into a huge glass of ice cubes and brown liquid.

As her time drew to a close, she had mixed feelings about driving back to Canada. Ahead of her lay cold winds in her face, sheets of ice under foot and snow that had yet to melt. Here the air was warm on her skin and she could walk barefoot along the beach, gazing out at the endless ocean. But here was not home and despite the creature comforts, there was a nervous charge in the air that often left her feeling on edge and sometimes less than safe. Besides, with March about to start, Hannah knew the best was yet to come. Unlike Florida where there was little change season to season, Canada was about to undergo the metamorphosis between winter and spring. It was Hannah's favourite time of year. And it lay waiting for her north of the border.



pic of the past

ON AUGUST 7, 1937 George Schrader married Annie Stewart. Gladys Hornell was the bridesmaid and Kenneth Stewart, brother of the bride, was their best man. The bride and groom lived in the large residence beside the store in downtown Gelert. On Monday, April 7, 1942 main street Gelert was visited by a disastrous fire when the store and residence of George and Annie Schrader and the large residence of Frank and Jennie Hamilton fell prey to the flames. Our thanks to Gren Schrader of Oakville for sharing this week's Pic of the Past with us.

letters to the editor

Keep church and state separate

To the Editor:

Re: MPP wants to keep Lord's Prayer

I believe that the state and religion should be kept separate. There is no place for the Lord's Prayer, or any other prayer, in parliament.

The government is supposed to represent all citizens. The Lord's Prayer is Christian. It does not represent the atheists, Hindus, Muslims, and people of other beliefs within this province. It is discriminating.

MPP Laurie Scott claims that the prayer deserves a place in parliament because it represents Ontario's history and traditions. It was not just Christians that founded and created this province. The aboriginals, many of whom were not Christians, played a large role. Why are their histories and traditions neglected in parliament? Do only Christian traditions

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When will they get the message?

To the Editor:

Re: Library board wants new plan

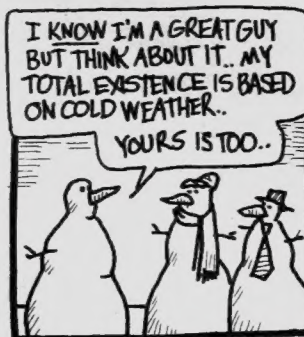
It seems that even after the public meeting about the libraries in Highlands East, the Haliburton County Library Board hasn't got the message - why is it so difficult for the board members to understand what we want? Listen to the representative from Highlands East - Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie told you what our residents want and what council wants. Thank you, Mr. Mackie for stating what the other board members seem to have forgotten: the residents of Highlands East (and the other three municipalities in the county as well) have access to all libraries - if we want it.

Why would the library board even entertain the idea of spending more taxpayers' money on another study by the same people who wrote the

See **Deputy-reeve** page 9

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur





MATT JAMES/Echo



Lunar eclipse

A total lunar eclipse was visible in Haliburton over the trees above Skyline Park and in the eastern sky for the millions of people living in North and South America in the late evening of Feb. 20. The full eclipse was between 10:01 p.m. and 10:43 p.m. when these images were captured. There will be another partial eclipse on Aug. 16 but the next total lunar eclipse will not occur until December 21, 2010.

It's our duty to prevent another industrial atrocity

To the Editor:

There should be no debate about uranium mining. Uranium, like coal and oil is a non-renewable resource. We call these resources non-renewable because we use them globally at an alarming rate and the earth simply cannot regenerate them to keep up with our demand.

We also know that nuclear energy produces toxic radioactive spent fuel rods that need to be disposed of. So not only are we taking something out of the earth we can't replace, now we are stymied with the prospect of disposing of all this toxic waste. We also know the radioactive spent fuel rods from nuclear facilities cause imminent death from radiation poisoning upon exposure and they are being buried under our landscapes in places you nor I know about, in underground caves, reservoirs, quarries, and in some places, just sitting in a transfer facility with no destination. We also know that these toxic radioactive spent rods stay lethal and deadly in our environment dissipating from tens of years to half a million years! Imagine, that's longer than our species will probably be on this planet. Now, the logical question should arise, the more we use nuclear energy, the more toxic waste created, the more toxic waste to be disposed of.

What happens as these relatively safe places to store these toxic radioactive spent fuel rods become full, where do they go from there? Who determines where is safe disposal, and what is safe disposal? The same council that traditionally makes the wrong decisions for the people of Highlands East lately, the mining corporations from other countries, our Federal Government?

Industrial atrocities have plagued our era. In 1948, Paul Muller was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery of DDT, people bathed with it in World War II to control lice, it was put in drinking wells to control malaria in tropical areas. DDT is now a banned substance in Industrialized Countries, only after the near decimation of many animal species and mysterious illnesses plaguing thousands of people. I also remind you of Love Canal, the tens of thousands of thalidomide babies born severely malformed in the '50s and '60s, and cigarettes which has been the longest educational shift of our century. At what expense and how long will it take us to learn from our mistakes?

Please, I implore you, before mining in Highlands East becomes an industrial atrocity - act now, not later. If we don't stand for it, they can't do it.

Tracey Lee Green
Highlands East resident

Environmental Resource Technologist

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Scott should practise what she's preaching

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deserve this honour?

Scott said, "The people of this riding care more about making sure they have good paying jobs, a health care system that works, successful farms and small businesses, and an education system

that helps provide our kids with the skills and good start they need."

Perhaps she should spend more time campaigning for such worthy causes instead of fighting for the Lord's Prayer.

Tyson Farrell
Minden

Deputy-reeve Mackie has the right idea

from page 7

Golden Report, no less. And what has it accomplished except a lot of uncertainty and dissent?

Listen to our local council which speaks to the board through Mr. Mackie and give council an opportunity to do what it has been elected to do – act to provide the needs of the ratepayers.

The sooner the board understands that this matter is beyond its capability to solve and turns the matter back to county council, the better for the folks in Highland East.

Elva Bates
Gooderham

Declawed cats belong indoors

To the Editor:

Re: John Pugh's story in The Highlands Weekender.

Declawed cats are defenseless, and should never be allowed outside unsupervised. Imagine the confusion, panic and fear the cats felt after being taken from a comfortable home and left to fend for themselves.

I know this was intended to be a good news story when Criket was recovered, but there is no excuse for the suffering the cat must have endured during the time he was lost. Cats can always be dropped off at any animal shelter, with no questions asked, if you can't keep them.

Barb Schofield
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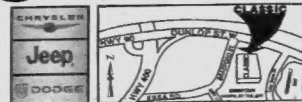
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Nurse shortage troubles county councillors

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 20 county council meeting.

Not only is the county in need of physicians, it is also short on registered nurses, council was told. "It has been difficult to staff an appropriate number of nurses in the past months, and predictions from the Canadian Nurses' Association indicate a national shortage of RNs in upcoming years," the minutes of the health professionals recruitment committee note.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said part of the reason it is so hard to get nurses is that the hospitals hire only casual and part-time workers. "I tried to suggest we've had several nurses in this county leave ... I assume that's because we don't want to pay full-time nurses," he said.

Summer Games progress

Ten villages have been identified in the application for the 2009 Ontario Summer Games bid by the county. Dennis Casey has been working on the application and updated council with the potential sites of athletes' villages across Haliburton. "We're trying to make sure some of these villages would also be venue sites and that's working out very well," he said.

If successful in its bid, Haliburton County would be hosting 3,000 athletes and 1,000 support staff in 2009.

Forestry bylaw changes

Public meetings on proposed changes to the forestry bylaw will be held after Fearrey asked that stakeholders

in the logging industry be included in the process.

Forestry officer James Rogers presented council with proposed changes to the bylaw, which has been vetted by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council. A public meeting about the amendments will take place March 5 at 1 p.m. at the county building.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie also expressed concerns with the overall bylaw and how it affects farmers.

It was suggested that an overall assessment of the bylaw could be completed at some point to discuss Mackie's concerns but no date was set.

Earth Hour to be observed

Sue Black from Canoe FM asked that the county participate in Earth Hour – an international campaign that asks participants to turn off all electricity for an hour. There were no objections from council, though it was noted that no one would be working at the county at the hour of 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 29.

Prayer a tradition to keep

Council unanimously rejected Ontario premier Dalton McGuinty's bill to remove opening prayer from the provincial legislature. Fearrey introduced the subject, which does not affect county council since the legislation is provincial. Fearrey said that although he was not particularly religious himself, he saw the Christian prayer as part of tradition in the legislature. All councillors agreed with him. County council does not have any prayer before their meetings.

- Jenn Watt

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Highlands East fires its chief building official

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council fired the municipality's chief building official and bylaw officer, Marie Schutt, during a special meeting held on February 21.

Discussion around the matter took place during a closed session, which is mandatory when dealing with "personal matters about an identifiable individual." Upon rising from the closed session, council voted to terminate Schutt's employment "effective immediately with cause" by a margin of four votes to one, with Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie being the only councillor who voted against the motion.

Schutt is the second employee to be dismissed by this council since the November 2006 election. Former fire chief Don Middleton was fired almost one year ago to the day, on February 20, 2007.

New equipment

During last week's meeting council also approved the payment for a 35 mm hose, a 65 mm hose, work boots, helmets and coveralls for the fire department in the amount of \$7,619, and agreed that the fire chief's weekly paid hours of work would be increased to 30 hours per week, retroactive to last November.

The municipality is also tendering for quotes on a number of larger items, including a new four-wheel drive half-ton truck and tandem truck with box and plow equipment, as well as two tankers and two pumper trucks for the fire department, which could cost upwards of \$750,000.

Public meetings

There is another special meeting of council planned for Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m. to discuss the future of the fire department. A notice on the municipality's website notes the meeting will be open to the public.

An informal public information session is also scheduled for Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre, in which council hopes to discuss the existing and future use of the municipal buildings.

On February 19 council discussed relocating the Wilberforce Library to the Medical Centre, as well as getting rid of some of the old buildings in Ward 1, but has requested that public input be sought prior to any final decisions being made.



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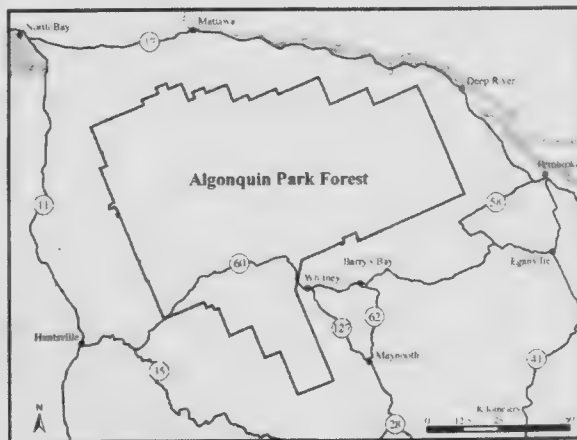
Ontario Parks (MNR), Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) and the Algonquin Park Local Citizen's Committee invite you to participate in the development of the 2010-2020 forest management plan for the Algonquin Park Forest (see map). The purpose of this notice is to announce that work has started on the new plan and to encourage you to get involved at this early stage of planning. This forest management plan will outline the long-term management strategy and provide details of where harvest, planting and tending operations and access road construction will take place for the first five-year term 2010-2015. The plan will also identify, in a more general manner, the proposed areas of operations for the second five-year term 2015-2020.

At this stage of the planning process, we want you to tell us what kind of forest and benefits the plan should strive to provide in the short and long-term. As well, we want you to know that background information that will be used during the preparation of the plan will be available for review by the public throughout the planning process. Any additions that you can provide to the background information will be appreciated. Your comments and information will help us to make balanced, well-informed and fair decisions as we proceed through the planning process.

Summary maps showing information such as fish and wildlife habitat features (e.g. trout lakes, heronries), Park zoning, Park facilities as well as many other features on the Algonquin Park Forest are available on request. These maps, known as "values maps", will be useful for anyone with a general or specific interest in this management unit.

The plan will be prepared by the following planning team members:

Gordon Cumming, R.P.F., Plan Author/Co-Chair, AFA
Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F., Park Forester/Co-Chair,
Ontario Parks
Elizabeth Francis, Project Manager/Resource Technician,
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The planning team members, the Park Superintendent and the local citizens committee are available during the planning process to meet and discuss your interests and any issues or concerns that you may have. A formal issue resolution process, as described in the Forest Management Planning Manual (2004), is available on written request. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process will be made available to the public in a summary form during the planning process and for the duration of the approved ten year plan.

In addition to this invitation to participate, there are four other formal opportunities for you to be involved, tentatively scheduled as follows:

Public Review of the Long Term Management Direction
Public Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
Public Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan
Public Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan

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December, 2009

Comments are collected and documented as part of the public consultation process for forest management planning as required under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987) or FIPPA, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input for other resource management initiatives. For further information regarding FIPPA, please contact Kevin Hein at 613-637-2780, ext. 201.

The information described in this notice, as well as general information regarding the forest management planning process, will be available at AFA office in Huntsville and at Ontario Parks offices in Pembroke and Whitney, at the locations shown below, during normal office hours. As well, an appointment with Algonquin Park's Superintendent or with a planning team member during non-business hours may be made by calling 613-732-5415. For further information, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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Grant brings seniors and children together

They say that every child needs at least five adults in his or her life to make a positive impact on their life. Recently the Grades 5/6 students of Wilberforce Elementary School were fortunate to have a visit from MP Barry Devolin who presented a cheque for \$18,000 to the New Horizons for Senior Project 2008.

The "When We Were Young" project involves 14 seniors who are working with the 14 Grade 5 and 6 students of Wilberforce E.S. Each senior is paired up with a student and the senior is sharing a memory or memories from their childhood with the student who is writing a story about the senior's experience.

The students have received the benefit of guidance from writer Jerelyn Craden who came in to teach them about writing a short story and from Linda Middleton and Sharon Lawrence on illustrating their stories. There is a lineup of other guest artists yet to come in to give the children further assistance with the project. Shelley King is on hand throughout the project. She is always ready and very able to give guidance and help when needed. The end result will be a book of the stories including illustrations and a public performance of "When We Were Young" at the Lloyd Watson Centre on May 2.

Barry Devolin pointed out to the students that it is a great idea to bring generations

JAMIE SCHMALE/Special to The Echo



MP Barry Devolin presented \$18,300 to Community Care's Annette Richardson and Shelley King for the "When We Were Young" project. The project brings Haliburton County seniors together with Grade 5 and 6 students from Wilberforce E. S.

together and a wonderful opportunity for the students to write down what they have heard. When they are old and grey their grandchildren will be able to read what they wrote when they were in school.

As part of their curriculum studies on Canadian government the students wrote a letter of persuasion outlining why Barry should come to visit the students of Wilberforce Elementary School. We are pleased their letter was well received. The students will also be going to Ottawa on April 2 to further heighten their studies.

Upcoming events in Harcourt:

February 27: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

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H.C.D.C. seminar series

LEARN ABOUT THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ACT - Bruce Surridge

Wednesday February 13th, 2008 - 8:30am to 9:30am

"Breakfast Meeting" - Village Chalet Restaurant in Minden

Learn about Employers Responsibilities under the Health & Safety Act the WHY - WHAT & HOW.

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Wednesday February 20th, 2008 - 5:00pm to 6:00pm - Fleming College, Room 7

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Monday March 10th, 2008 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level), \$10. Fee.

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SELLING YOUR WORK ON-LINE: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET STARTED - Visual Arts Ontario

Thursday March 20th, 2008 - 1:00pm to 4:30pm - Fleming College

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PST/GST - Reps. from Federal & Provincial Governments

Wednesday April 9th, 2008 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level)

How to complete your forms; understand the differences between PST & GST, Clarify your responsibilities for collecting and remitting tax credits and overpayments, answer your questions.

SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR - Reps. from Federal & Provincial Governments

Wednesday April 23rd, 2008 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level)

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Red Hawks come back for playoff win

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks boys' hockey team won its first playoff game on February 21 with an impressive 3-2 comeback win against the Lakefield Tigers at the Dysart arena.

The boys finished the regular season with a record of 8-3-2. Forward Josh Townsend was sixth in league, scoring with nine goals, 12 assists for 21 points, while Tyler Watson was eighth, just one point behind Townsend with 13 goals and seven assists.

As a team the Red Hawks scored 60 goals and had a league-tying goals-against average of only 29, which they shared with rivals Adam Scott. It should be noted, however, that Haliburton played only 13 games to Adam Scott's 14. Nonetheless, it has been a solid season for the Red Hawks as they face the win-and-go-on, lose-and-you're-out playoffs.

"We're going to play our big guns more," coach Gary Brohman says of their playoff strategy.

Just before the referee signalled the start of Thursday's game, coach Ron Yake gathered the team at the bench and offered a few words of motivational wisdom: "Win the races to the puck and good things will happen."

Only 10 seconds into the game the two teams raced to the puck and the Tigers were charged with a holding penalty. The Red Hawks were struggling to find their skating legs and produced nothing on the power play.

Brohman and Yake noticed a lack of urgency from their boys early in the first. "We're not skating," said Yake to his bench. "We need a shot on net," Brohman urged.

Five minutes into the first the Red Hawks found themselves at a disadvantage after defenseman Steve Miscio was sent to the box for a minor penalty. Goaltender Ian Sachs, after facing three or four good scoring chances, looked solid.

Typically Haliburton is the bigger and more physical team on the ice but the Tigers were matching their efforts and both teams appeared sharp and traded chances throughout the first period.

It looked as though the Red Hawks would strike first, and second, and third, but the referee and linesman made a couple of controversial calls denying at least one Red Hawks goal. Things got worse for the Red Hawks before they got better.

With less than five minutes to play in the first period, the Red Hawks' Derek Carpenter took a hooking penalty shortly after making a beautiful play, sliding on his belly to stop a Tigers 2-on-1. Soon after, the Tigers were penalized for holding the stick but a Lakefield player took

advantage of the 4-on-4 open ice and skated end to end, eventually sliding one under Sachs to give Lakefield a 1-0 lead.

The score reached 2-0 before the end of the period with an abnormal mistake from Sachs. A Tigers player had cleared the puck, which headed toward the Haliburton net. Sachs came out to play the puck but mishandled it and it wound up in the back of his own net.

Sachs was temporarily pulled and back-up Paddy Manuge had the task of keeping things together until Sachs recovered, which he did, quite nicely.

During the intermission Brohman spoke about staying positive.

"It's okay boys, everyone's allowed one bad period," Brohman said.

It didn't really matter whether it was the power of the coach's words or simply that the first period jitters were now gone; the comeback was cued, but not until about halfway through the second.

Miscio took his second penalty of the game and Lakefield peppered Sachs for two minutes. After killing the penalty Ryan Sherwood capitalized on a power

play with an unassisted goal to bring the score to 2-1 at the end of two periods.

With two periods played – one very well, the other not so well – the boys had to play some of their best hockey for the final 15 minutes to stay in the playoffs.

The Red Hawks tied the game early in the third when Watson snapped a shot home with assists from Townsend and Matt Clements. Sachs continued to make big saves to keep Haliburton in the game.

The Tigers took two more penalties in the third period for a total of seven on the afternoon compared to the Red Hawks' four. During Lakefield's last penalty the Red Hawks Clements sent a pass to 92 who put it on the tape of Matt Eno. Eno showed his skill with a beautiful dangle to elude a Tigers defenseman, giving himself a shot. Eno ripped it past the keeper giving Haliburton a 3-2 lead with 2:15 to play. Sachs and his teammates would stave off any last attempts by Lakefield for the victory.

The boys faced the Adam Scott Lions on February 25. See Wednesday's *Minden Times* for the full story.



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Matt Eno faces a Lakefield defender as he looks for a teammate to pass to. Eno would score the game-winning goal advancing the Red Hawks to the second round of the playoffs.



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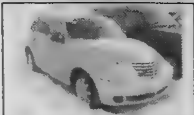
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Highland Storm girls are playoff-bound

It's that time of year once again. The Highland Storm Atom Girls team, sponsored by Subway Enterprises, has completed its regular season games and is preparing for the playoffs.

This veteran team finished their season with a record of eight wins, 11 losses and five ties.

Regular season games were action packed from buzzer to buzzer, with 95 per cent of the games being decided by a goal.

Dan Marsden and his coaching staff have done a great job of elevating the team to a level in which they have a chance to win every time they lace up their skates. From the parents' perspective, it felt like overtime from the time the first puck dropped until the final buzzer.

The girls' last regular season game was on Saturday at home against the Peterborough Wildcats. The team played to a 0-0 tie and the game was filled with exciting end-to-end action

with the fans wishing that regular season games went into overtime.

Congratulations go out to the girls on another great season.

On Friday night in Wilberforce they began the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League round robin playoffs against the Markham-Stouffville Atom team. Haliburton won 2-1.

On Saturday the team travelled to Midland, losing 3-0. The team also lost Sunday's game against Stouffville, coming out on the bottom of a 4-0 score.

There's still lots of spark left in the team. The girls play this Saturday in Orillia against Midland and will be back at the Dysart arena in Haliburton for Sunday morning's game against Markham-Stouffville. The game starts at 10:45 a.m.

They will also be competing against Orillia and North Simcoe in the provincial playdowns for the divisional spot at championship weekend in April.

MATT JAMES/ECHO



Junior boys Drew Paul files through a downhill section of the course at last week's COSSA championships.



Senior girls Mhairi Treharne makes her way up an incline at Glebe Park in a pair of flashy tights.

HHSS skiers qualify for OFSSA

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Nordic ski team faced some stiff competition at the COSSA Nordic Ski Championships on Feb. 20 at Glebe Park.

It was a very successful day for the Red Hawks, as all nine skiers qualified for OFSSA, to be held in North Bay Feb. 24-26.

Cross-country ski coach Sharon Dibblee is very proud of her students and felt the kids were fortunate to learn from Thom Lambert, an avid and knowledgeable cross country skier, who volunteered his time to train with the students. It is also impressive that most of the team has only been skiing since beginning high school.

COSSA Results and Rank

Junior Boys 6km

Josh Wright 20:31, first place

Drew Paul 24:00, fifth place

Senior Girls 6 km

Emily Turner 22:49 first place

Maddie Ferracuti 25:18, third place

Mhairi Treharne 32:00, fifth place

Claire Flatman 32:36, seventh place

Heather Cox-Gurdon 34:56, eighth place

Senior Boys 8 km

Isaac Smith 29:34, fourth place

Dan Wright 30:00, fifth place

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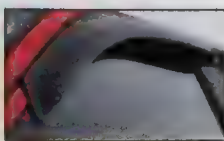
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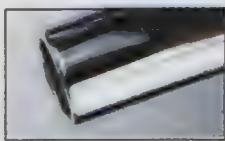
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Scott Walker is proud of his collection of antique snowmobiles, including this 1968 SnowBug. He'll have some on display this weekend as part of the Highland Cup.

Older the better for snowmobile buff

Scott Walker's pride and joy is his collection of antique sleds

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

What happens when a man's interest becomes his passion? Well, for Scott Walker it means you have up to 86 snowmobiles in your possession at any given time.

"Ever since I got my first sled I wanted to start collecting snowmobiles," says Walker in his extended garage at his home on Kennisis Lake Road near Pivot Lake. "It was a 1972 Ski Doo."

As a life-long resident of Haliburton County, snowmobiling has always been an interest for him. After he bought that first sled in 1986 his interest turned to passion rather quickly.

"I began to buy old sleds, fix them up and sell them in order to make enough money so I could start to buy antiques."

Walker's been collecting antique snowmobiles and snowmobile memorabilia since 1997; right now he has about 43 sleds on his property. "Not all of them run," admits Walker. "Some are just for parts."

For 1986 to 1997, Walker bought, fixed and sold snowmobiles until he made enough money to start to buy antiques. Walker figures he's put in about \$10,000 of his own money to help purchase some of the antiques. Today, he's got about a dozen snowmobiles, some dating back to the 1960s.

Among his top favourites are his 1968 Snow Cruiser,



This 1965 Husky 444 is one of Walker's favourites.

1968 Snow Bug, 1965 Husky 444, 1971 TNT 440, and 1972 Alouette Venture 440. While the names and numbers of the machines won't mean much to many people, you don't have to be a sled buff to appreciate the age and beauty of these old-fashioned sleds. Walker has proof of that.

On his way to an antique show in Hepworth, he was pulled over by three police cars at five in the morning. He didn't know what he might have done to require so much attention.

"All they wanted to do was look at the Husky," chuckles Walker. "He [a policeman] said, 'What in the hell is that thing you're hauling?'"

Closer to home Walker says cottagers and tourists

often pull into his driveway to look at his sleds. Every July 1 Walker brings the sleds out of winter storage for the summer. He's even had a few offers — not to buy but to retrieve.

"People say, 'I got an old sled up at my place if you want it', so I go and get it," he says.

Does he have any sleds he's not willing to part with?

"The Snow Bug I would never sell, or the Husky, or the '68 Snow Cruiser. That's three right there I wouldn't sell," says Walker.

And his collections don't just sit collecting dust year after year. They're multi-use. In the winter Walker fires up the '65 Husky, a small tank-looking machine and heads into the bush, trailer in tow, to collect firewood.

He also takes them to antique shows. Over the years Walker has managed to acquire and fix up some very impressive sleds and that's not a personal opinion — it's factual.

In 2004 Walker started taking his sleds on the road to antique and classic shows organized by the Antique and Classic Snowmobile Club of Canada, which will have a display set up at this weekend's Highland Cup. Walker is member number 977 out of nearly 2,600.

Snowmobile collecting is much like any other types of hobby, there is a small but tight community that exists and the sled and part swappers help each other out whenever they can.

The shows are public. There are about four or five a year, including shows in Alliston, Hepworth, Peterborough and, Walker's favourite, Eganville. While he's only been going to shows since 2004, he estimates he's been to about 15. He's entered some sleds for public judging, winning a few trophies and tools.

And while good things might come in threes for most people, good things come in twos for Walker: he picked

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Vintage sleds catch judges' eye at shows

from page 16

up two prizes in each of the competitions he entered in 2004, 2006 and, more recently, in Eganville in January.

"People may not believe it, but winning two trophies at a show for two different machines is pretty good," says Walker.

For shows in the winter Walker takes three sleds and in the summer he takes six. And because it's a show-and-shine type event "it takes me a week to get them all clean," says Walker.

Inside his extended garage, which triples as memorabilia showroom, sled storage and service area, Scott points to a chair with about 13 different cleaning products covering the chair's surface.

Walker has a background in small engines and has earned a certificate, but like most trades people, working hands-on with the machines over the years has also been a great teacher.

The memorabilia showroom section of Walker's garage isn't huge at the moment but it's growing and with the public's help it could grow even more. Currently Walker has a small collection of helmets, suits, oils cans, belts, paints, various sled manuals, including photocopies of Model-T sleds from the early 1900s, remote control snowmobiles, licence plates, toques, bags, and so on, some of which he has found in landfill sites. And he is always looking for donations of old snowmobile memorabilia.

Walker's plan is to collect as much memorabilia as possible. "If it was donated to me, I would never sell it," says Walker.

If anyone is interested in getting rid of an old sled or has any snowmobile memorabilia that they're willing to part with you can reach Scott Walker at 754-1993.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

John English throws one of the 1,300 bales of hay to Bill Stromberg, two of about 15 volunteers who helped place the hay bales around the snowmobile track on Head Lake for the Highland Cup race this weekend.

Spectators are in for an exciting time

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Spectators should be in for some exciting races as drivers from such levels as Champ 440, Pro-Stock, Vintage and Trail Stock tear around the track at speeds reaching 95 mph. Jacques Villeneuve Sr. has confirmed that he will race this weekend.

Advanced tickets will be available on Friday, February 29 at the caboose starting 9 a.m. An advanced pass is \$25. Individual day passes are \$20 for Saturday and \$30 for Sunday, which is when the race final takes place.

Kids 12 and under are \$5 per day.

Foyster is expecting between 40 and 60 drivers over the weekend. And while he isn't certain how many spectators there will be, he believes that word has spread about the event.

Dysart has given the event \$2,000 to help with prize money, insurance and sanction fees.

Races start at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and continue throughout the day. For more information visit www.highlandcup.com or call Harold Foyster at 457-2278.



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Tickets to this special production are \$125 per person.

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price. There is only room for 112 guests and tickets sell-out quickly! All proceeds from this event will go to support bursaries, scholarships and special projects at the Haliburton campus.

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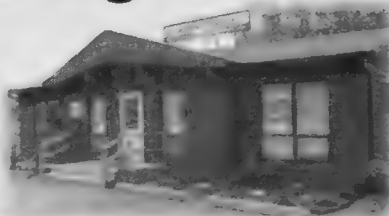
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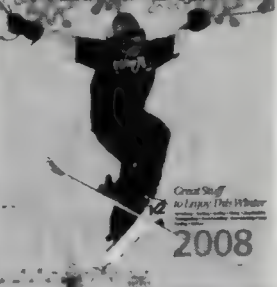
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Students dare to speak out

On Thursday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson, the students of Wilberforce Elementary School will take the challenge. Grades 1 through 6 will be participating in the annual public speaking contest.

This is an opportunity for the students to prepare a speech and speak in front of their peers. This competition is put on by the Royal Canadian Legion to help prepare them for the future endeavours. They could go on to the provincial competition.

The event will be supervised by our youth and education officer, executive member, Valerie Smith. She has several good people involved as judges, etc..

Winner of the Early Bird Draw is Steve Gunter.

Income tax time again. We have a volunteer to do income tax at the Legion every Wednesday from March 5 til April 23 from 1 p.m. til 3 p.m.

The second Sunday of the Month is March 9 and the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Royal Canadian Legion would like to invite you to join them for Brunch. The time of this event is 9:00 til noon. The cost is adults \$6, children \$3, and free for children younger than six.

All general membership meetings are now held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Upcoming Events:

There may be even more things to add to these great things to do as the month progresses. Just remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to all your friends and enjoy a sports event on the TV.

February 25: Bid Euchre 7:00 p.m.

February 27: Open Darts 7:30 p.m.

February 28: Open Euchre 1:00 p.m.

February 29: Open Pool 1:00 p.m.

p.m.

March 1: Meat Draw 3:00 p.m.

March 5: Executive Meeting, Legion and Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m.

As you can plainly see we have just a tremendous selection of things going on at our

Legion Branch 624. Come on out and join us and I am sure you will be glad you did.

If you have questions call 448-2221.

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448-3640

Snow Shuffle has proud history

Over twenty years ago, the Snowshuffle organized at the Guilford Centre got underway, thanks to the initiative of Carol Stamp. Carol Duncan was president at the time. Since then it has continued to be a success. This year it began with a registration of 190 riders. Weather, while not sunny, co-operated by refraining from precipitation.

The delicious roast beef dinner served approximately 200 people. Jamie Bacon as D.J. entertained for the party and dance that followed the giving out of prizes. A word of appreciation goes to the many willing volunteers who planned, prepared, and cleared up afterwards. When you go just to enjoy it, you don't see all that, but it doesn't happen all by itself. It needs every one of you who helped. Carol Stamp has just provided the information that it

was the daughter Holly of El and Elsie Knowles; who were former owners of the West Guilford Shopping Centre.

About 15 years ago, the Chumbley clan invited the congregation of St. Andrew's Anglican Church to a toboggan party on their hill. It has developed into an annual winter party. Crazy carpets, sleds, and tubes provided the rides for old and young alike. Some of the older (like me) chose only to partake of the hot chocolate the cake, and the snow taffy. Thanks to all the Chumbleys for making it happen again.

Congratulations to Jeff and Shannon Neville who welcomed their baby boy, Jake Jacob, 8lb. 1 oz., on Feb. 17, 2008, at Bracebridge's South Muskoka Hospital. Congratulations.

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Money can help small businesses get off the ground

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Beaverton or some other part of Ontario."

The program is also unique because it provides an equal share of funding to all 15 sectors of Eastern Ontario (unlike programs such as the Trillium Foundation, which provide dollars based on population). This means that Haliburton County receives exactly as much as the City of Kawartha Lakes, which has more than four times the population base.

"Someone yesterday in Kawartha Lakes was suggesting that because I live in Haliburton there was more money per capita coming here. I said 'I only wish I was that powerful,'" he joked.

In essence, Devolin likened the Eastern Ontario Development Program to the "micro credit" system

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo



HCDC staff and board members, joined by local politicians, had plenty of reasons to smile last Thursday when MP Barry Devolin presented the organization with a cheque for \$564,000. From left are Grant Montgomery, Don Smith, Michelle Bromley, Wendy Gunning, Barry Devolin, Warden Eleanor Harrison, Janis Parker, Andy Campbell, Jim McMahon and Dale Walker.

being used in parts of the developing world, since it can help provide just enough money for a business to find its own legs and begin supporting itself.

"[In the developing world] sometimes giving a person \$50 so they can buy a sewing machine, or some other equipment, can put them in a position where they can start to support their family," he said. "We're not talking \$50 in rural Ontario - we're talking more than that - but the principle is basically the same. Often there's just a gap of \$10,000, \$50,000, \$80,000, or \$100,000 between something happening and something not happening."

Carol Cowley is one such resident who is hoping to get a jump start through the program. As a person with a disability, Cowley has found it difficult to find suitable work in Haliburton County, so she has decided to take matters into her own hands by starting a business as a puppeteer.

However, despite having a background in both business and retail, Cowley is still in need of help with the daunting task of getting her business off the ground,

which includes developing a business plan so that potential backers can see the "bottom line."

"I'm looking for some help on the financial end of things," she said. "Yes, I've worked in different stores and environments, and I'm an administrative assistant by trade, but this is all new to me."

And that, said Devolin, is exactly what funding is intended for. "There are lots of people with good ideas out there, but sometimes a good idea just isn't enough," he said in an interview after the meeting. "You need a good idea, but you also need a good business plan, and usually most people need some help to get going."

Devolin also noted that seasonal, rural areas such as Haliburton County often feel the employment crunch even more than some urbanized areas, which makes programs like this even more important in the long run.

"We don't have a lot of industry here," he said. "It's a beautiful place, but you need work too. So in that context, I think the Haliburton County Development Corporation plays a very meaningful role."

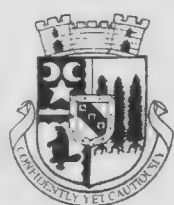
"There are lots of programs in Ontario geared towards the north, and we often think at other times that the cities get more than their fair share, but sometimes rural Ontario to the south gets left out," he added. "We have some of the same challenges as Northern Ontario, but we're often not treated in the same way."

In the future, Devolin would like to see the government extend its commitment to the program by securing funding for at least a two- or three-year period. In addition to that, he said he would also like to see even more money pumped into the program in future years since it gets such a great "bang for its buck."

"We haven't won that battle yet but we're still on the battlefield," he said.

Dale Walker, chair of the HCDC board of directors, said her organization will also continue to push for more money in the future, but for now they are certainly not scoffing at the \$560,000, which will go a long way in strengthening the local economy.

"It's all very reassuring to us, and heartwarming as well, that we can help the community in the way that we do."



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE of MEETING TIME CHANGE

Pursuant to By-law No. 2007-145, notice is hereby provided that the Council Meeting on Monday, March 3rd, 2008, will start at 10:30 a.m. to consider the 2008 Preliminary Budget. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

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NOTICE

Township of Algonquin Highlands

In accordance with *Cemeteries Act (Revised) R.S.O. 1990, c.4* the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands passed By-Law 08-2 on February 7, 2008, being a by-law to adopt Rules and Regulations for cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Township of Algonquin Highlands. A copy of By-Law 08-2 has been filed with, and is subject to the approval of the Registrar.

Interested persons may access By-Law 08-2 by contacting the Municipal Clerk for further information or to make copies.

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Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE

DATE: March 10, 2008

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a designation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcel of land to be surplus. This parcel of land is part of an original allowance for road which is under the joint jurisdiction of the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East, in the County of Haliburton.

Applicant: Kormendy
Location: Harcourt

- Original Allowance for Road
- Part of the Original Road Allowance between the geographic Townships of Harcourt and Cardiff
- In Front of Lot 17, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Harcourt.
- Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., dated August 3, 2007, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of February, 2008.

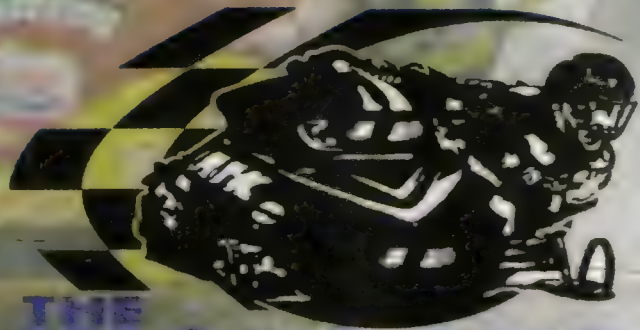
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What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Feb 27:** "It's So Chilly, Chili Luncheon" - February 27th 12:30 - 1:30. Enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade Chili with a roll and a nice bowl of chilly ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served! This luncheon is free to all clients and volunteers of Community Care Haliburton County. Community Care Drop-In Centre, 83 Maple Ave, Unit 3, Haliburton (behind Home Hardware).
- **Mar 1:** Haliburton United Church - You are invited to come to the Great Big Fat Italian Dinner at The Ristorante, Fellowship Room, Three Sittings - 5:00; 6:00; 7:00 p.m. Book a Table of 4, 6, 8. Invite your friends! Bring the month of March in with a great meal! Tickets available at Ethel Curry Gallery 457-9687, United Church office, 457-1891. After the Highland Cup races on Saturday, be sure to come and join with us. All are welcome. Tickets at the door!!!
- **Mar 7:** World Day of Prayer - 7:30 p.m. - St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. This year the ecumenical celebration highlights the women of Guyana. Everyone welcome. For further information contact June White at 457-3543.
- **Mar 10-14** - March Break Club - West Guilford Baptist Church - 9:00am-11:30pm, ages 4-12. It's Free. To register call 754-0079.
- **Mar 20:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar 20:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- **Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.
- **Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County. A new picture every day at jackbush.my-expressions.com
- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Bridge Youth Centre - Ages 10-14, 3:30-6:00 pm on Fridays. Ages 14-22, 8:00-10:30pm on Fridays. Located at 73 Victoria Street in Haliburton. Please call Jamie, 854-0401 or email jamie@youthunlimitedkaw.com
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Every Monday, Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Climbing Club - Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 - 8 pm, children and parents climb together; Youth & Adults 8 pm - 9 pm. Fee: \$2. per person. Sponsored by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. Call Donna at 457-5345, ext. 314 or email: donnaa@pointintime.ca
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+). Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults - offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Holeness. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of accessing help without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656
- Highlands Squash Club (beside the Haliburton Arena) offers Recreational Squash. Tues. & Thurs. evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Free lessons for beginners. Membership avail. Call Glen at 457-2862 or Don at 457-1110.
- Indoor Walking - Haliburton - Walk for your health! Inside the high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.
- Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.

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What happened to Uncle Jacob's ashes?

At a Highlands East council meeting on February 19, the main item on the agenda was a discussion of municipal buildings, their existing use and future use. Council and staff reviewed the 22 buildings that Highlands East owns in the various communities on behalf of its citizens. They include facilities that house libraries, fire halls, roads department, community centres, an arena, water systems, a curling rink, a medical centre, post office, the historic Essonville Church and the Red Cross Outpost Museum.

Considerable time was spent on the possible relocation of the Wilberforce Library to part of the Medical Centre. That building and its bathroom are wheelchair accessible, it is already heated, has a fairly new furnace, has a new well and would have 60 square feet of space more than the current building.

Council has scheduled a public meeting about the Wilberforce Library for Friday March 7 between 6 and 8 p.m.. Do come out with your ideas for the Wilberforce Library.

Council has also scheduled a meeting in the council chambers for a review and discussion about the current and best locations for fire department equipment.

It will be this week on Thursday, February 28 at 7 p.m. It is good that council and staff are reviewing and planning to serve the municipality well.

The Loop Troupe has rehearsals underway for its spring production. They will be presenting three one act plays: Funeral Tea, Reunion and Ashes To Ashes Crust To Crust. It really is a three act play. Some will recall that two years ago the Troupe presented Funeral Tea at the Highland

Grove Recreation Centre as a fundraiser for the restoration of the old Kidd's Corner log school house. There has been a recasting for this production. Many who wondered what did become of Uncle Jacob's ashes will want to come and find out.

The Loop Troupe hopes this effort will be enjoyed as much as Funeral Tea was when presented as a one-act play.

The arena here has been a very busy place recently. Games have included a Haliburton Rep team playing a Wasaga Beach team. The more the arena is used the better for the area.

A mixed bonspiel is scheduled for the Wilberforce Curling Club this weekend, February 29 and March 1. This "bring a prize, win a prize" spiel is always a fun time.

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DATE: Monday, March 10th, 2008.
TIME: Starting at 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario.

Pursuant to By-law No. 2008-18, please take notice that the Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al is considering passing a by-law at the above noted meeting to increase the rate schedule for the DYMO bus.

As well, a proposed increase to the sewer service rates (commonly referred to as the sewer 'user' rates), is being considered as follows:

- Annual flat rate from \$400.00 to **\$430.00** per ERU; and
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Any person is entitled to submit in writing his/her views regarding these matters on or before 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 3rd, 2008. Please note; however, that in order to address Council in person, a delegation time for the meeting must be arranged by 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 3rd, 2008.

Further information regarding the proposed increase is available by visiting the Municipality's website at www.dysartetal.ca or at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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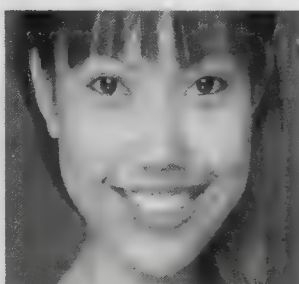
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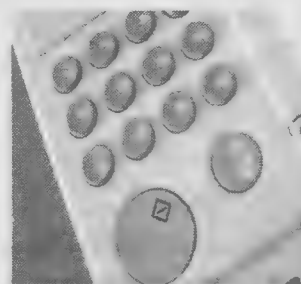
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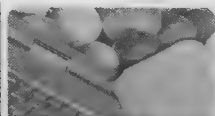
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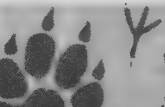
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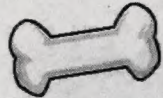
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AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day February, 2008.

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Announcements

Deaths

BURNS, William Alfred "Bill" - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on the morning of Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the age of 67.

Loving husband of Nadine (nee Smith) of West Guilford. Dear father of Jamie (Stacey) of Newcastle, Richard of West Guilford, predeceased by son Daniel and by daughter Kathryn. Loving son of Helen and the late John Burns, and son-in-law of Gladys and the late Pat Smith. Survived by brothers; Gerald (Faye), Murray (Louise), Earl (Maryanne), Ronald (Mary Beth), sisters; Joan (Perry), Shirley (Mike), Donna (Yvon), Elizabeth (Tom), brother-in-law Ted and predeceased by sister Peggy. Fondly remembered by sisters-in-law Gloria (Alan), Marilyn (Dave), and by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.** P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Friday evening 7-9 pm. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 2:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre. Cremation has taken place.

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Jade Roberts
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Deaths

LEE, Kathleen - Passed away peacefully from cancer at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, February 21, 2008. At the age of 79.

Loving wife of Norman Lee. Dear sister of Edith and the late Charlie Hoult of Tory Hill and predeceased by Albert and Fred McColl, Roseleen and her husband Ivan. Sister-in-law of Gordon and Kitty Lee of Lindsay. Dear Aunt of Betty and the late Lavern, Gary, Melissa, Mark, Annette and the late Barry Lewis all of Tory Hill, Dawson, Cheryl, Douglas, Jackie, Jack, Reg, Donna Lee, and Kevin Haywood and families all of Gooderham and predeceased by Linden and Hayden. Beloved daughter of the late Johnny and Nellie McColl.

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and Jason*



Deaths

LEVESQUE, Robert "Bob" - Passed away peacefully after a long illness at the Haliburton Hospital on February 15, 2008.

Dear Blue-eyed husband of Joan (54 years). Beloved Dad to Bobby (Pat), Denise Leblanc (Al), Bruce (Kathy) and Michele Coneybeare (Chris). Loving Papa to 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Dear brother to Lillian Rodden in Mississauga.

In accordance with Bob's wishes, Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Bob's Life will take place at a later date.

No Flowers Please, Plant a tree in memory of Bob, or something for the environment or make a Memorial Donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.** P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

A special Thank You to Dr. Tina Stephenson, the nurses at Haliburton Hospital, to Bob's "girlfriend" Lenore Prentice, and Best Bud, Shawn Cooke. Gone, but never forgotten to his workshop in the sky.

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Deaths

MacDUFF, George David - Passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, February 18, 2008. At the age of 88.

Beloved husband of Clara Jean MacDuff (nee Billings). Dear father of Gwen and Allen Hatherill (deceased), Brad and Bev, Sharlene and Bryan Meany, Georgina, Bentley, Sheila and Brian Ingarr, Byron, George Jr. and Jutta, Lawrence and Jessica. Loving grandfather of Thomas, Karina, Julian, Kirk, Jennifer, Julie, Darren, Belinda, and great grandfather of many. Dear brother of Kenny (Rosaleen), Preston (Maxine) (deceased), Elgin (Yvonne), Sissy Raby (Mitchell) (deceased), Marie Dewey (James), predeceased by Marjorie Hunter and Violet Billings.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.** 127 Main St. P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Friday evening from 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 11:00 am.

Spring Interment at Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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MINTZ, Mervin Carl - Passed away peacefully at the Lennox and Addington Hospital, Napanee on February 14, 2008. In his 85th year.

Beloved husband of the late Lillian and former husband of Maisie Mintz. Dear father of Larry and Linda, Andre and Pauline, Gloria and Leroy, Mervin (predeceased) and Linda. Loving grandfather of Cindy, Carey, Rachelle, Melanie, Greg, Vincent, Jeffrey, Kevin, Kaily and great grandfather of Cole, Dana, Larsen, Alison and Ruby. Dear brother of Olive and predeceased by Violet, Vern, Orie, Verma and Merian. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.

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Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

RIEL, Inez (Nee Craig) - May 15, 1918-February 17, 2008 Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, February 17, 2008 in her 89th year.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Daughter of Jack and Ida (Moore) Craig. Loving mother of Sylvia (predeceased) and her husband Grenville Graham, and of her son Edward. Dear sister to Gwen and predeceased by Sible, Elma, and Shirley. Always remembered and loved by grandchildren Lynn, Cheryl and her husband Joe, Jeff and his wife Robin. Great grandchildren Tracey (Trevor), Tammie, Tiffany, Brittany and great great grandmother to Alanna, Cody, and Logan. Many friends and relatives will cherish her memories.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham.

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Deaths

TROCEWICZ, Henry - Peacefully, with beloved wife Barbara by his side, Henry passed away at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in his 80th year.

Loving Father of Wendy (Jim), Marty (Carolyn), Peter (Debbie) and Veronica (Geoff). Special grandfather to Natalie and Rachel.

Fondly remembered by his many brothers/sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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Memorial donations to the Canadian Wildlife Federation or to the St Paul's Anglican Church or to the Haliburton Highlands Trust would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A Monk Funeral Home Ltd.** P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0.

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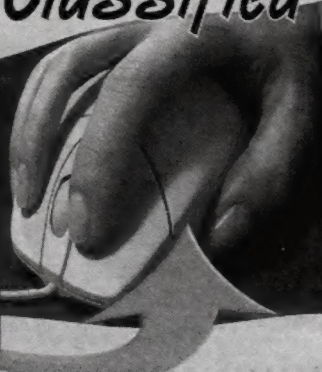
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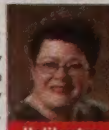


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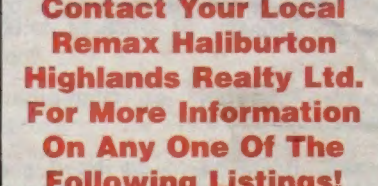


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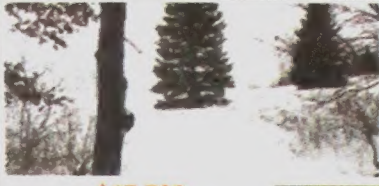


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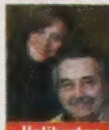
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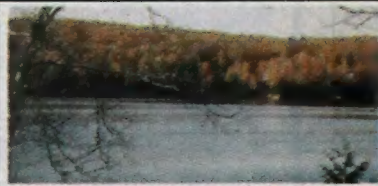


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